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- 11. (C) INR/B COMMENDS POST FOR ITS BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING ON TAJIKISTANI OFFICIALS. REFS A-E ARE EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF REPORTING ON WHICH INR/B RELIES IN PULLING TOGETHER BIOGRAPHIC REPORTS FOR USE BY US POLICYMAKERS.
- 1A. (C) REF A (&PARLIAMENTARIAN VOICES DOUBTS ABOUT TAJIKISTAN,S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK8) NOT ONLY INCLUDED GOOD BACKGROUND ON YUSUFJON AKHMEDOV, BUT ALSO INTERESTING SPECULATION ON HOW MUCH MONEY PRESIDENT RAHMON HAS PILFERED FROM THE TAJIK ALUMINUM COMPANY (TALCO).
- 1B. (C) REF B (&CENTCOM COMMANDER VISIT WITH TAJIK PRESIDENT8) INCLUDED HELPFUL INFORMATION ON HOW RAHMON CAME ACROSS DURING THE MEETING ) &RAHMON LOOKED VISIBLY TIRED8 ) AS WELL AS USEFUL DATA POINTS ON RAHMON,S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR RAHMATTULOYEV.
- 1C. (SBU) INR/B APPRECIATED THE EXTENSIVE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ABDURAHIM QAHHOROV IN REF C (&TAJIKISTAN: CORRIDOR REP OF NEW MVD MINISTER LOOKS GOOD8).
- 1D. (C) REF D (&RAHMON INVITES AMBASSADOR TO SEND A SIGNAL,8) NICELY SUMMARIZED WHAT FACTORS MAY BE PLAYING INTO RAHMON,S LATEST OUTREACH TO THE UNITED STATES.
- 1E. (SBU) REF E (&NEW INTERIOR MINISTER AND THE AMBASSADOR ARE ON THE SAME PAGE ) BUT HOW DOES THE CHAPTER END?8) DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF REPORTING ON KAHAROV (AKA QAHHOROV), INCLUDING HIS IN INTERPERSONAL STYLE ) &HE SPOKE CRISPLY AND CLEARLY WITHOUT NOTES OR HESITATION. HE DEMONSTRATED A QUICK SENSE OF HUMOR(8 ) AND EVEN HIS LIMITED TAJIK-LANGUAGE CAPABILITY.
- 12. (SBU) INR/B ANALYSTS WELCOME ADDITIONAL REPORTING ON TAJIKISTANI OFFICIALS. MANY TAHNKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.
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